

NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON POSTSECONDARY STUDENT SUCCESS

November 1-3, 2006

Draft Agenda

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2006

11:30 a.m. Opening Luncheon and Keynote: *Why College Students Should Be Learning More*

- ☐ Welcome from the National Postsecondary Education Cooperative (NPEC): Ed Blews, Chair, NPEC Executive Committee, and President, Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan
- ☐ Welcome from National Center for Education Statistics (NCES): Mark Schneider, Commissioner, NCES, introduced by Dennis Carroll, Associate Commissioner for Postsecondary Education, NCES
- ☐ Featured Speaker: Derek Bok, President, Harvard University, introduced by Mark Schneider, Commissioner, NCES

President Bok's keynote address, which draws from his latest research, will provide a context for the rest of the Symposium.

1:15 p.m. PLENARY SESSION I

What is Student Success and How do We Know it?

- ☐ Moderator: James Hearn, Professor, University of Georgia, introduced by Trudy Bers, Co-chair, NPEC Student Success Working Group and Senior Director, Institutional Research, Curriculum and Strategic Planning, Oakton Community College
- ☐ Panel: John Braxton, Professor, Vanderbilt University; James Hearn, Professor, University of Georgia; George Kuh, Chancellor's Professor and Director, Center for Postsecondary Research Indiana University; John Smart, Professor, University of Memphis; Scott Thomas, Associate Professor, University of Georgia; and Vincent Tinto, Distinguished University Professor, Syracuse University

Authors of NPEC commissioned papers, charged with answering the question "what is student success," will describe their unique perspectives on student success.

3:00 p.m. PLENARY SESSION II

Policymakers: Going Beyond Graduation Rates to Describe Student Success

- ☐ Moderator: Patricia McGuire, President, Trinity University (Washington, DC)
- ☐ Panel: Donna M. Alvarado, President, Aguila International, and Vice-Chair, Ohio Board of Regents; Piedad F. Robertson, President, Education Commission of the States; and Earl Richardson, President, Morgan State University.

A panel representing institutional, state and federal policy makers will respond to the student success perspectives presented by the authors of the NPEC commissioned papers.

4:15 p.m. Coffee Break

4:30 p.m. BREAK-OUT SESSION A

Let's Talk about Student Success

Conversations between the authors of NPEC commissioned papers, policymakers and symposium participants regarding the impact of their student success papers and perspectives.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2006

7:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast

7:45 a.m. Value-Added Learning Assessment: Accountability's New Frontier?

- ☐ Introduction: Fred Lillibridge, Co-chair, NPEC Student Success Symposium Planning Working Group, and Institutional Effectiveness and Planning Officer, Dona Ana Branch Community College
- ☐ Moderator: Travis Reindl, Director of State Policy Analysis and Assistant to the President, American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU)
- ☐ Panel: Howard Cohen, Chancellor, Purdue University – Calumet; John D. Welty, President, California State University – Fresno; and Jon Young, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Fayetteville State University

Panelists will share their experiences and perspectives on student learning assessment and address the question “Is American postsecondary education ready for a learning assessment model”?

9:00 a.m. PLENARY SESSION III

Getting the Whole Story on Student Success

- ☐ Moderator: Michael Nettles, Senior Vice President and Edmund W. Gordon Chair of Policy Evaluation and Research, Educational Testing Services
- ☐ Panel: Thomas Bailey, Director, Community College Research Center, Teacher's College, Columbia University; William Demmert, Professor, Western Washington University; Bridget Terry Long, Associate Professor, Harvard University; Laura Rendon, Professor and Chair, Education Leadership and Policy Studies, Iowa State University.

Panelists will discuss how well the student success perspectives presented by the authors of the NPEC commissioned papers address the success of underrepresented students.

10:15 a.m. Coffee Break

10:45 a.m. BREAKOUT SESSION B

Let's Talk More about Student Success

More conversations among researchers, policymakers and symposium participants regarding the impact of the student success papers and alternative perspectives.

12:00 noon Luncheon

1:30 p.m. PLENARY SESSION IV

What are We Doing to Foster Student Success?

- ☐ Moderator: Cecilia Lopez, Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs, Harold Washington College
- ☐ Panel: Charles Blaich, Director of Inquiries, Center for Inquiry in the Liberal Arts at Wabash College; Thomas Brock, Director, Young Adults and Postsecondary Education, MDRC; Ann Coles, Senior Vice President, College Access and Director, Pathways to College Network, The Education Resources Institute (TERI); Arnold Kee, Managing Director for Programs, Institute for Higher Education (IHEP).

Leaders of national student success initiatives will describe the work that their organizations are doing and the results of these efforts.

2:30 p.m. Coffee Break

3:00 p.m. BREAK-OUT SESSION C

Expanding Our Knowledge of Student Success (Part 1)

Recipients of the NPEC and Association of Institutional Research (NPEC/AIR) grants and other researchers will present their findings and policy makers will discuss related policy issues.

4:15 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSION D

Expanding Our Knowledge of Student Success (Part 2)

NPEC and AIR focused grant recipients, other researchers, and leaders of state and national initiatives will present the findings of their studies, and Symposium Participants will discuss the results of their efforts.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2006

8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. BREAKOUT SESSION E

We Can't Just Leave it Here!

Discussion-facilitators will lead discussions with Symposium Participants on how to move forward various research and policy initiatives that have been discussed throughout the Symposium.

10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

11:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker: What Does it All Mean?

- ☐ Moderator: Mary Sapp, Co-chair, NPEC Student Success Working Group and Assistant Vice President, Planning and Institutional Research, University of Miami
- ☐ Speakers: Peter Ewell, Vice President, National Center for Higher Education Management (NCHEMS); and Jane Wellman, Senior Associate, Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP)

Peter Ewell and Jane Wellman will summarize the findings and discussion of the symposium with an emphasis on next steps.

12:00 p.m. Acknowledgments and Adjournment:

- ☐ Ed Blews, NPEC Executive Committee Chair, and President, Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan